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1. On orders received from the War Ministry in Belgrade through the Army Command, military formations have been given the task of supplying their local M.O. with "Karakteristikas" of all military conscript personnel. In the "Karakteristika" the most important items to be shown are (a) the political views of the recruit, (b) his work during and after the German occupation, and (c) whether he is a member of the O.F., the National Youth Movement of Yugoslavia, SKOJ, etc. These "Karakteristikas" will determine the units to which the recruits are posted, and will influence the whole of their army careers. Members of the SKOJ are immediately given special positions in the army and from their ranks are chosen the future Political Commissars and their assistants.
2. On 11 September a goods train full of Soviet military material arrived in Ljubljana from the direction of Zagreb. This material consisted of artillery, machine guns, etc. They were all weapons used in the Soviet Army and were purchased by Yugoslavia. This material was unloaded in Ljubljana and stacked in the magazine of the Fourth Army.
3. During the month of August, 17 Soviet low-ranking officers left Slovenia. They had previously been attached as instructors to the smaller units of OZNA and the National Militia. Soviet officers in the larger OZNA and Militia formations have remained with their units.

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